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OBSERVED SCENE BY DETECTION OF THE LUMINANCE FROM SAID SCENE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, and in accordance with 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98, Applicant(s), through the undersigned attorney, submits this Information Disclosure Statement. No copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications cited on the attached Form PTO-1449 are submitted. An English abstract translation for European Patent No. 1 150 250 A1 is enclosed. French Patent No. FR 2 605 475 A1 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 4,797,562. Copies of the cited foreign patent documents are enclosed. The foreign patent documents and article references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in the specification, an International Search Report and a corresponding French Search Report. The Examiner is requested to make these references of record in the file of this application.

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